

Finally, a Warm and Dry Week

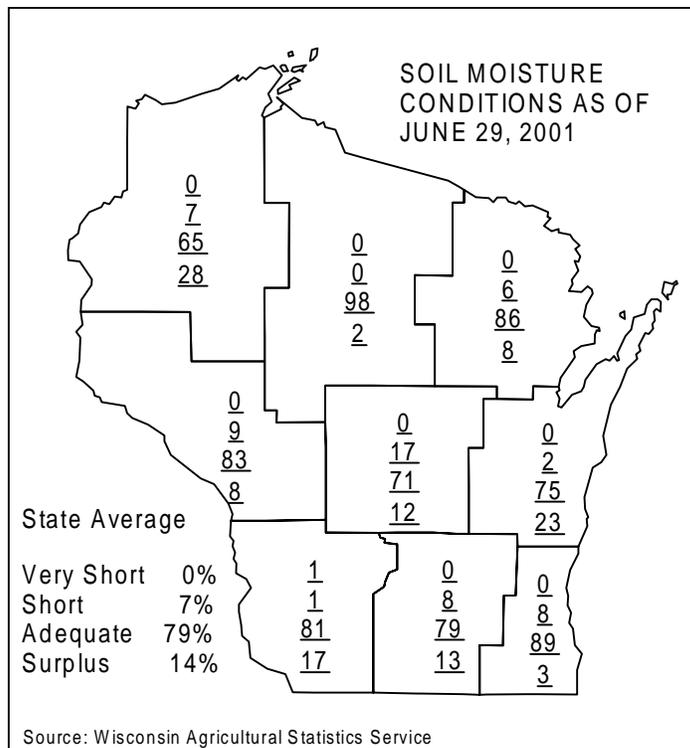
Wisconsin experienced plenty of sunshine and warm weather last week, with temperatures averaging 5 to 10 degrees above normal in most locations. Farmers were busy planting or replanting soybeans and even some corn for silage, although some fields will lie empty this year because of previous weather conditions. Many farmers were able to get into the fields to spray and cultivate weeds. Wisconsin finally saw a near full week of field activity with 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture was reported 7% short, 79% adequate and 14% surplus.

Corn emergence reached 95%, compared to last year's 100%. Corn height averaged 17 inches, compared to 24 inches last year and 27 inches for the 5-year average. **Soybean** planting reached 93% complete, compared to 100% for both last year and the 5-year average. Soybean emergence reached 85% complete, behind last year's 100%. There were many reports of corn and soybeans responding nicely to the sun and heat.

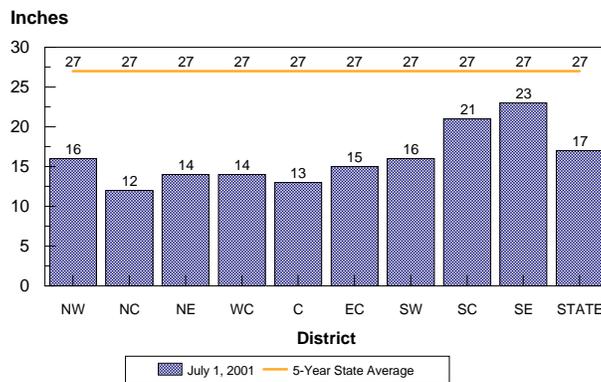
Winter wheat fields were rated 86% good to excellent, state-wide. **Oats** headed reached 41% statewide last week, compared to 88% last year, and 71% for the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest was 80% complete for first harvest, compared to 96% last year, and the 5-year average of 88%. There continued to be reports of lower quality hay for the first cutting. Farmers that were able to harvest their first cutting early were reporting good growth for their second cutting; some have even started harvesting the second crop.

Strawberry harvest is on-going, reports of quality have been mixed. Reports on **vegetables** in the central part of the state are mostly favorable, although some planted in lower areas are not doing as well.



Wisconsin's Corn Growth
Average height as of July 1, 2001



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 29, 2001					
Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	1	2	17	60	20
Oats	1	7	22	53	17
Corn	3	12	23	45	17
Soybean	3	9	24	46	18
Winter Wheat	0	1	13	62	24

Wisconsin Crop Progress, July 1, 2001

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This year	Last year	5-year average
Corn emerged	96	93	95	96	93	85	98	99	99	95	100	n.a.
Corn height 1/	16	12	14	14	13	15	16	21	23	17	24	27

and soybeans. First crop is nearly finished; it looks rough. The early corn is responding very nicely to the heat. Later-planted corn is yellow and stressed, heat should help. No one has done any second cutting, but again, those who got first crop off before the rains, have nice looking second crop coming. Preventive planting is evident as I drove around.

CLARK-R.W.: Some farmers have not planted corn yet and just starting on first crop. Will have some fallow fields this year. Probably a good opportunity to do some late summer alfalfa seeding.

SHAWANO-B.R.: First crop haying finally winding down with low quality for a lot of it. Second crop almost ready to go for those that got an early start on the first crop. A lot of planting done this past week for those that felt they needed some type of forage yet. Many acres will be just left idle.

PEPIN-R.W.: Conditions of corn and soybeans vary greatly. Some corn is looking very good and some is very poor. Some fields will go unplanted this year. Second crop hay cutting is starting.

WAUPACA-D.H.: A lot of work has been done with the recent stretch of a week with no rain. Lots of corn, beans, and cabbage being planted. Some oatlage is being harvested. First crop hay starting to wind down.

not planted. First week without rain this year.
GRANT-J.G.: Some beans to be replanted. Crops really being propelled into better condition with the heat & humidity. Most hay got made. Leafhoppers showing up right away in second crop hay.

GREEN-F.Z.: Second crop hay coming good. Wet spots in corn and bean fields will yield very little this year; many fields with such areas. Corn growing good with hot weather.

WALWORTH-E.P.: Winter wheat turning yellow. Warm weather made corn grow. A lot of second cutting done. Crops don't look good in the upper half of the state.



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Corrected Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 24, 2001

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation			
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to June 23	Mar. 1 to June 23 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	77	52	84	46	65	-3	816	798	2.33	4.54	1.30	17.77
Green Bay	76	54	80	50	65	-1	777	712	1.23	5.12	2.53	16.34
La Crosse	79	56	87	51	68	-2	873	907	0.30	3.95	0.99	16.94
Madison	78	54	86	48	66	-2	875	894	0.64	5.47	2.67	16.94
Milwaukee	74	58	85	51	66	0	775	n.a.	0.63	4.05	1.60	17.44

1/Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. *Normal based on 1961-90 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>>. N.a. = not available. T = trace.

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Green Bay	85	62	89	54	74	7	941	823	0.12	5.24	1.86	16.46
La Crosse	89	68	92	61	79	8	1,061	1,042	0.00	3.95	0.05	16.94
Madison	85	61	87	54	73	4	1,037	1,018	0.00	5.47	1.82	16.94
Milwaukee	83	65	88	58	74	6	941	n.a.	0.01	4.06	0.81	17.45

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